

SENATE RESOLUTION 82
By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Jane White on her selection as Teacher of the Year at East Ridge Middle School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Jane White is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. White has recently been selected Teacher of the Year at East Ridge Middle School, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher, as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, a teacher with thirty-seven years of experience, Ms. White has taught resource, eighth grade math, eighth grade algebra, and sixth grade reading during her fifteen-year tenure at East Ridge Middle; she is currently East Ridge's sixth grade math teacher; and

WHEREAS, Jane White attained a Bachelor of Science degree from Appalachian State University and has completed post-graduate work at Winthrop College and the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Ms. White possesses a dedication to excellence that pervades her activities both inside and outside the classroom; she has exhibited that dedication as the sixth grade team leader at East Ridge Middle, as the co-author of the Hamblen County sixth grade math and prioritized math curricula, as a mentoring teacher for student teachers, and as a Level III Career Ladder Program educator; and

WHEREAS, she is also involved with several civic and community organizations, including the Holiday Hope Fund, the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Race for the

Cure, and the Special Olympics, to which she renders sterling service as a volunteer and coach;
and

WHEREAS, Ms. White truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her;
and

WHEREAS, Jane White truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Jane White, a talented, compassionate, and generous educator, on being chosen as Teacher of the Year at East Ridge Middle School, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.